

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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THREATS OF ATTACK ON TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any intelligence report about likely terrorist attacks on various temples of the country has been received;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): Yes, Sir. There are credible intelligence inputs on the possible terrorists attacks on various religious places in the country.
- (b): The complete details thereof, in the public interest, cannot be disclosed.
- (c): `Public Order` and `Police` being State subjects, providing security to religious sites/ places and enhanced security inside the complex wherever needed is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, Ministry of Home Affairs with a view towards facilitating adequate protection to those religious places, in respect of which specific threat inputs may be available, also issues advisory for strengthening the security to the concerned State or Union Territory Administration. Assistance is also provided by the Union Government for strengthening the security arrangements through deployment of Central Police Forces and extending financial aid as and when requested by the States/ Union Territories, to the extent possible.